

We can easily see the application to his people now. We need more influence, more power in both the pulpit and the pew. If God would not do business with one missing, neither may we expect to have Christian power, or do successful church work when we are not "All together with one accord in one place."

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The Atonement.—Psalm 68:20.

The Lord Jesus Christ has the future at command because of his atoning death. It is as the crucified Christ he executes the plan of salvation, and carries out the purposes of God. The atonement announces the fact that life—the abundant life opens; death has been conquered. Here is now the solution for all the problems of humanity, and the remedy for all the evils of sin.

We should magnify the atonement. Jesus is the risen, glorified Christ. He sits enthroned at the Father's side, accepting the worship of angels and men, yet on the throne he bears the marks of battle, and the tokens of his atoning death. Here is death and resurrection—strange indeed and yet so commonplace. We read it in nature day by day. We gather the notion of it every time a penitent sinner is baptized in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. We have come to regard it as the key stone of our Holy Christianity. There is the grace, but it is an open grace. There is death, but he is a conquered foe.

In the saved life it is death and resurrection too. We enter into the suffering and death of Christ—crucified with him—dying daily to self and sin, forgetting utterly the things of the past, and taking instead the resurrection life of the blessed Christ with all its deep meaning and completeness.

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NEW YORK NOTES

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THE HALL OF FAME.

A few weeks ago we went up to see the noted Hall of Fame at New York University, on University Heights about two miles above the Harlem river and about three miles north of Columbia University. By the way, I am attending Columbia University instead of New York University as stated by our editor a few weeks ago. The New York University is the state university but until recently has enjoyed about the same treatment at the hands of the state as has the state University of Iowa. Just recently they acquired this new site and moved a part of the school to this new situation from the old buildings down in the heart of New York at Washington square. The graduate school still meets in the old buildings, also the law school, which is the largest school of its kind in this part of the country. The new site is magnificent in situation. The location is a bluff which slopes down to the Harlem river and from which you look across to the bluffs and Palisades of the Hudson. It is a most beautiful sight.

Here are four stone buildings which are all the buildings yet built of the future university. The rest of the work is carried on in small temporary wooden buildings. One of the stone buildings is a dormitory, or a place for students to room. Another is a science hall and the other two are two of the three buildings which when the other is built will be connected by the Hall of Fame. This Hall of Fame is a segment of a circle about two hundred feet long, at a guess, about twelve feet wide, built of stone and cement. At each end of it is to stand a square stone building. It surrounds a large square building which is the library. The Hall is open to the weather on both sides, except for a low balustrade about three feet high, the roof being supported by pillars. In the floor and in the inner sides of these low balustrades on each side are sunken bronze plates bearing the names of the famous men who have been voted in the number and followed by a brief sentence from their own words. The spaces will not all be filled until the year 2000. As I walked around this Hall, two thoughts crowded on my mind. First, the glory of the scenery, the calm majesty and beauty of the buildings, the silent flowing river below, the silence all around made me feel that this was a fitting spot to place the names and trace the great deeds of our great men and also a fitting spot for men to think on fame and greatness and life as they trace the names. The other thought was the vanity of fame. It seemed to me that if Jesus were present and should speak he might say, "Rejoice not that your names are written in the Hall of Fame but rejoice that they are written in Heaven." And I doubt not that those whose names are written on the bronze in the Hall of Fame are rejoicing or are in despair today not because their names are there, but because they are or are not written in Heaven. This is the judgment of men, that of the All wise God. The interior of the Library building is the most beautiful thing in elegance and richness of color scheme I have ever seen anywhere. The dome is upheld by a dozen or more huge pillars of dark green porphyry polished to perfection. The school is small apart from the Law school and is yet far behind Columbia both in attendance and equipment but it has a beautiful place for its future home.

THE TOMBS

A few days later we went down to what is known as the Tombs which is the city prison. One of our acquaintances is an interpreter there at the court and he got us thru. It is a sight which tends to make one sad. The old Tombs are soon to be replaced by a new prison being built along side of it. We saw the famous Murderers Row of cells where all the murderers are kept. We saw the common drunks sobering up. We saw young men who were waiting to be sent to Sing Sing or Elmira Reformatory. In another ward the women were confined, negroes, Irish, Germans, Scandinavians, all mixed up together. While we were looking them over the matron

had to quiet one who was more turbulent than the rest. Here is where one sees men with manhood gone and women without womanhood. Against these walls dash a constant tide of wrecked humanity. I asked the man who conducted us what most of the women were in for. He said for drunkenness and fighting. Some for disorderly conduct. These old walls had they tongues, could tell some sad tales I dare say. But talk they don't and the men who work here seem to grow as hard in heart as the walls about them. But at the bottom of much of the sin which brings men here is the omnipresent grog shop. And back of much of the rest is the love of money. And the rest can be charged up to unbridled passions of various sorts. But in such a city as this it is a tribute to the influence of Christianity, on our civilization and a testimony to the spark of divinity in man that no more are in prison. The wonder is when we read the history of the past that men are as well behaved as they are. But it is also a hint of the distance we have yet to go and the tremendous tasks before the Christian church, that so many men have to spend their lives in watching and punishing other men and so much money must be spent simply in defending society from its enemies.

MISSION IN NEW YORK

It has been suggested that we proceed to open a mission in this city. It doesn't appeal to me as the wise thing to do at this time. In the first place because I would have to quit school to do any effectual work here. I broke away from an unwilling church because of a conviction of my duty to further sharpen my tools and I certainly could not turn from a course which conviction urged me to and Providence has opened to me so graciously without a very complete overturning of my convictions. To us who can come a divine responsibility to take advantage of our opportunities to equip ourselves for the future.

Again, I do not feel that New York City is a place where the Brethren church can invest her money to best advantage at present. Work here would be slow and dependence on support by the church would be required for a long period for two reasons. First, it is a very hard city for any church to work in because of the large foreign element and because of other facts. Second, New York is not like Philadelphia and other places having many of Dunkard lineage or training. Few people have ever heard of Dunkard doctrine. Then the cost of maintaining a mission here would be much greater than in many other places because of the excessive rents.

Now, in the present condition of our present missions and with the present sentiment of our people on the mission question, I should not care to launch a mission here and then try to add it as one more burden to the heavy load the Board is already bearing. And I don't believe that they would want me to do so. In my opinion we shall be wise in